Statement

List of NGOs of Gujarat for whom Grant has been Suspended/Blacklisted

Sl.No.	Name of the NGO	Action Taken by the Ministry
	STATE: GUJARAT	
1.	Bhagini Niketan, 10/Tulsi Marg, Baug Colony, Near Core House Ambawadi, Ahmedabad, Gujarat	Black-listed
2.	Unigramodhyog Rachanatmak Samiti, Surendera Nagar, Gujarat	Black-listed

Law to stop conversion

573. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a demand has been made in the country that Government should enact an law to stop conversion by allurement or force; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) No specific proposal has been received in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

(b) Does not arise.

Extension of benefits under the Disabilities Act, 1995

574. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken, so far, to extend the benefits of the 'Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities and Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act of 1995, by identifying the persons eligible for such benefits and setting up authorities within their reach for such identification and regulation; and

(b) the reasons for the delay in the process, indicating the progress, so far, made in giving effect to this Act, enacted seven years ago?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) The Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995 enforced since February, 1996, provides for affirmative action and protective provisions aimed at social, educational and economic empowerment of persons with disabilities. This requires a multi-sectoral collaborative approach of all Ministries of the Central Government, the State Governments and other appropriate authorities. Action to implement various provisions of the act is an ongoing process.

In order to ascertain the population of persons with disabilities, data on disability was collected through Census 2001 and is under compilation. The National Sample Survey Organisation is conducting a survey on disability in the 58th round during the period July-December, 2002. Besides, some States have also carried out complete survey, district-wise, to identify persons with disabilities. A special drive for setting up Medical Boards in States/Union Territories has also been launched for issue of disability certificates. Medical Boards have been set up in 398 districts in 22 States/UTs for issue of certificate of disability.

The Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities has been appointed to safeguard rights and facilities made available to person with disabilities and also to look into complaints with respect of deprivation of such rights. Also, all States have set up similar authorities in the States.

Recommendations of Gujarat Government on welfare of handicapped

575. DR. A. K. PATEL : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recommendations from the State Government of Gujarat for the welfare of handicapped have been pending with Government for the last two years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when these cases are likely to be cleared?